

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's

News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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Greetings Volunteer Network Members:

It's been a busy September as expected and we're happy to report that despite everyone's packed schedules, we had 25 Network members join us for this month's Volunteer VIP session. A big thank you to our gracious hosts Brad Pontius (Outreach Minister) and Lyne Brown (Outreach Assistant) from Sherwood Oaks Christian Church and to Darrell Ann Stone (Associate Director of IU's Student Activities Office) for her expertise and insights about working with IU student groups. Don't miss out on all of the information, networking and of course the prizes! Mark your calendars for our next session coming up on November 18th at 3:30 p.m.

~Bet & Lucy

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CareFest Volunteer Projects Needed— **deadline Sept. 19**

For the past two years, Sherwood Oaks has mobilized over 1,500 volunteers to serve more than 30 different community agencies and schools during a one-day event called CareFest. This fall CareFest 2008 will be held on Saturday, November 1. The goal is to complete 25 projects and, as of today, they still need 10 more! Find out how your agency can benefit from these volunteers. *Family-friendly projects are especially welcomed.* [Read more and download an application now.](#)



What Makes Us Happy? Turns Out It's the Simple Things — **spread the word!**



The Myth: We think the finer things in life will make us happy.

The Reality: Most of what makes us happy is pretty prosaic.

• Volunteering

In one study, volunteer and charity work generated more joy than anything except dancing. The sense of accomplishment, the social connection and the chance to do something meaningful are what make it so much fun.

source: *Psychology Today Magazine*, Jan/Feb 2005

State Farm Good Neighbor Service Learning Grants Available — **Honor your young volunteers!**

Deadline: October 15, 2008

With generous support from the **State Farm Companies Foundation**, Youth Service America is offering the annual State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant for youth-led community improvement projects. **These grants of up to \$1,000 support teachers and service-learning coordinators in engaging students (ages 5-25) to implement service-learning projects for Global Youth Service Day, April 24-26, 2009.** They encourage semester-long projects that are launched on Martin Luther King Day (January 19, 2009) and extend through Global Youth Service Day. To learn more, download the NEW electronic application, grant guidelines, and budget spreadsheet at

www.YSA.org/awards.

Questions? Please contact goodneighbor@ysa.org.

State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants Available

Deadline: October 3, 2008

State Farm's Youth Advisory Board RFP's are available now. Last year the Y.A.B. gave away over 5M in grants for youth related service-learning activity all over the country! For more information visit:

<http://www.statefarmyab.com/index.php>

Grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and are evaluated by the youth advisory board for how well they utilize service-learning to address:

- Driver Safety
- Environmental Responsibility
- Financial Literacy
- Access to Higher Education
- Disaster Preparedness

Volunteer Recruitment System Orientation – **only 3 more dates in September!**

Don't miss this opportunity to continue listing your volunteer opportunities and Community Wish List items with the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network.

Register today! Contact volunteer@bloomington.in.gov or call 349-3433 with your preferred orientation session day and time to reserve your seat.

Orientation Day/Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, Sept 23	3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Thursday, Sept 25	8:30-10 a.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Tuesday, Sept 30	3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)

RESOURCES & MATERIALS

Freebie Corner– Silent Auction Art & Event Music

Artist Joey Like asked us to spread the word that he often has artwork which he would like to donate to nonprofit organizations which are fundraising through auctions and such. He can be reached at 333-6713 or

jjlike@sbcglobal.net.

"Bated Breath", a Bloomington-based eclectic blues and rock band, asked us to let you know that they are available for nonprofit fundraisers. You can take a listen at www.myspace.com/batedbreathband and contact them through Anna at bated.breath.band@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

Sept. 19

Deadline to register for CareFest (See description above)

Sept. 23, 25 & 30

Volunteer Solutions Orientation Sessions

Sign up to get your user's guide and get oriented to this new volunteer management system. See more info [online](#). To register, contact the Volunteer Network at 349-3433 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

Oct 29-30

2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum

Nonprofit leaders are invited to join the discussion at the 2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Registration Fee. [Read More](#).

Nov. 1**CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church**

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at lbrown@socc.org. (application deadline is Sept. 19)

National Days of Service in 2008

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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